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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED ROKG DRAFT COMMUNIQUE. IN OUR TERMS, DRAFT IS COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY. IT IS TOO NARROWLY FOCUSED ON KOREAN SITUATION AS SEEN BY ROKG. WORDING OF SOME PARTS OF COMMUNIQUE STRIKES TOO STRIDENT A NOTE FOR CHIEFS OF STATE. FURTHER, DRAFT COMMUNIQUE APPEARS IMPLICITLY DESIGNED TO CREATE IMPRESSION OF COMPLETE USG SUPPORT FOR ALL ROKG POLICIES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC.

2. OVERALL, KOREAN DRAFT IS ALSO AT VARIANCE FROM APPROACH WE ARE TAKING IN TERMS OF JAPANESE VISIT. IN OUR JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE, WE EXPECT TO FOCUS ON BROADER ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. GIVEN THAT GENERAL APPROACH, AND FACT WE PROCEEDING TO MEET WITH RUSSIANS AFTER KOREAN VISIT,
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BELIEVE THAT KOREAN DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WOULD STRIKE A

GENERALLY JARRING NOTE.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY SHOULD PROCEED TO TABLE OUR DRAFT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED SEPTEL. IN EXPLAINING OUR DRAFT TO ROKG, EMBASSY MAY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. OUR DRAFT ENCOMPASSES ALL OF MAJOR POINTS IN KOREAN DRAFT IN LANGUAGE WHICH WE BELIEVE IS MORE APPROPRIATE FOR JOINT COMMUNIQUE BETWEEN CHIEFS OF STATE;

B. OUR DRAFT ALSO INCLUDES SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO MUTUAL SECURITY, THE MOD PLAN, KOREAN QUESTION AT UN, SOUTH/NORTH DIALOGUE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE BILATERAL ISSUES IN MANNER CONSONANT WITH OUR AGREED UPON POSITIONS; AND

C. GIVEN GENERAL CONTEXT OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NORTHEAST ASIA, OUR DRAFT BETTER REFLECTS PATTERN OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH WE WILL BE MAKING IN JAPAN AND ELSEWHERE.

4. RECOGNIZE KOREANS WILL WISH TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER ON LANGUAGE, BUT EMBASSY SHOULD HOLD FIRM TO USING OUR TEXT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. EMBASSY SHOULD RESIST INCLUSION OF EXTREME OR EMBARRASSING LANGUAGE, WHILE REFERRING ANY PROPOSED CHANGES IN OUR DRAFT TO WASHINGTON FOR APPROVAL. FYI. QUESTION OF PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION TO PARK WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED SEPARATELY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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